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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an Official Action issued on February 4, 2005, in connection with a corresponding foreign application. Also enclosed are copies of the references cited therein, with the exception of U. S. Patent No. 4,680,376, which has been previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted March 8, 2002, in the above-identified applicatoin. Also enclosed is an English translation of this Official Action dated February 4, 2005. Still further enclosed is Form PTO/SB/08A and B, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in connection with the above-identified application, but prior to a Final Rejection or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(c), the following Statement is made under 37 CFR 1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed English translation of the Official Action dated February 4, 2005.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with the present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.38891VX1).

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